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FAREWELL TO A FLYING-BOAT

Great service of the Sunderland

The R.A.F. has said goodbye to the Sunderland flying-boats. The last two ceased operations the other day at Singapore nearly 21 years after the first one joined up there. They have thus had the longest period of squadron service of any type of plane in the R.A.F.

These flying-boats did yeoman service in the war. Known to the Germans as "flying porcupines," because of their defensive armament, the Sunderlands' chief role was spotting enemy submarines. They accounted for at least 28 and shared in the sinking of seven others.

But the Sunderlands also played a great life-saving part. Two known affectionately as Gert and Daisy rescued over 500 wounded soldiers who would otherwise have had to be left to die in the jungles of Burma.

Another Sunderland rescue

operation was picking up 34 survivors from the steamer Kensington Court, torpedoed off the Scilly Islands. When Greece and Crete were evacuated Sunderlands flew out hundreds of troops. One aircraft carried 87 men in a single flight—about twice as many as were normally carried.

In 1948 Sunderlands carried 5000 tons of freight on the Berlin airlift, and they helped the British North Greenland Expedition of 1951-54 by carrying men and dogs and equipment to bases within 800 miles of the North Pole.

With the retirement of this veteran plane, flying-boats have disappeared from the R.A.F. The first were used by the old Royal Naval Air Service as long ago as 1914.

However, the Sunderlands' day is not quite over—a few are still used by the air forces of other countries.

These men are the Queen's Bodyguard

To mark the 450th anniversary of their foundation, the Queen and Prince Philip will be the guests of honour next Monday at a banquet in St. James's Palace given by the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms.

There are 32 members of this unique corps which has the distinction of being the "nearest guard" to the person of the Sovereign on State and official occasions.

Striking figures in scarlet uniform, with gold epaulettes and helmets swathed in white swans' plumes, they are all distinguished ex-Service officers. The office of

Captain of the Corps, however, is political. The holder, who is always a Peer, vacates it when the Government of which he is a member resigns.

They have swords, halberds—and axes. In olden times the Gentlemen carried battle-axes. Now, as they no longer "take the field" they have axes of a similar design to that of the old boarding weapons used when ships came alongside each other. The Corps has an Axe-Keeper at its St. James's Palace headquarters and he has to deliver the weapons to wherever the Gentlemen are on ceremonial duty.

The Corps was set up by the splendour-loving Henry VIII on his accession in 1509 and was known as The Gentlemen Speers. The new bodyguard fought in France with the King. A few years later the name was changed to The Band of Gentlemen Pensioners, a title unchanged until 1834.

The Corps was also present at the battle of Edgehill, in 1642, when the life of Charles I was saved by one of the Gentlemen-at-Arms, Miles Matthews.

However, with the rise of the professional soldier, the Gentlemen Pensioners became less important as a military force—though as late as 1848 Queen Victoria called on the Corps to guard St. James's Palace when a mob was reported marching on Westminster.



BIG DAY FOR BIG BEN

The world's most famous clock, Parliament's Big Ben, will be a hundred years old on Sunday, May 31.

Strictly speaking, the nickname of Big Ben belongs to the great bell which has been striking the hours only a few weeks less than the clock has been ticking. But countless millions of people know the clock as Big Ben and Big Ben we shall all affectionately continue to call it. All that remains is for us to wish it Many Happy Returns next Sunday.

Thrifty Young Canadians

More and more Canadian boys and girls, including many eight-year-olds, are opening their own bank accounts with money they earn themselves.

It has been calculated that every other Canadian boy and girl between 12 and 15 now does paid work during out-of-school hours. The boys deliver newspapers, or groceries; they mow lawns and shovel snow in the winter. The girls turn to baby-sitting or act as waitresses and playground supervisors.

It has been estimated that the average weekly earnings of these youngsters is five dollars (approximately £2).

Other than all-the-year-round jobs, most youngsters work during the summer holidays and there are

plenty of jobs for them advertised in the newspapers. A recent census showed that 76 per cent of the boy teenagers and 69 per cent of the girls hold summer jobs and their total earnings averaged 165 dollars for the boys and 95 dollars for the girls.

They work on farms, in summer camps, in offices, restaurants, and shops.

It has been found that youngsters save nearly half of their earnings, and a growing number now have bank accounts. At the same time nearly half of the young Canadians have taken out their own life insurance policies, paying the premiums themselves.

So far the boys seem better savers than the girls.

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SMALL ISLAND AND BIG CITY

Singapore begins a new era

By the C N Diplomatic Correspondent

A new era is opening for Singapore, built up by the British over the past 150 years into one of the world's major trading and strategic centres. On May 30 a General Election will be held under a new constitution conferring full internal self-government on the colony.

In recognition of its new status, the territory will be known as the State of Singapore, with its own elected Parliament (called Assembly) of 51 members and a Cabinet composed entirely of elected Ministers under a Prime Minister.

IF you look at an enlarged map of Singapore you will see that it is not just a city but an island, joined to the mainland of Malaya by a causeway nearly a mile long.

The city itself dominates the island, but has its own elected council of 32 members under a mayor. The rest of the island is run by three rural district councils, and eventually will have four.

So when we talk of the State of Singapore we mean the whole island, the rural towns and areas and the great city itself. Although the city is self-managing it is subject to the laws of the State government, just as London is subject to the ultimate control of the British Government, though administered separately by the London County Council.

20,000 EUROPEANS

Around the island of Singapore there are about 40 islets, and these, too, form part of the new State, which has a total area of 225 square miles, about the same size as the Isle of Man.

The population totals about 1,500,000, more than three-quarters being of Chinese descent. There are also 20,000 Europeans and large minorities of Malaysians—the original inhabitants—Indians and Pakistanis.

Singapore is for ever associated with the name of Sir Stamford Raffles, an officer of the British East India Company. Raffles founded a British settlement in 1819, when only a few fishermen occupied the island.

Merchants flocked there from India and China to profit from the free trade opened up to them by

Raffles under promise of British protection. In five years the population had increased to 10,000.

In 1826 Singapore was administered as part of the old Straits Settlements with British Penang and Malacca, on the Malay Peninsula. In later years British influence was used successfully to subdue piracy and civil war in other Malayan States.

During the period of peaceful economic development later in the nineteenth century, Singapore pioneered the European process of tin-smelting which made Malaya world famous. In Singapore, too, experiments were made with rubber plants brought from Kew Gardens. From these grew Malaya's great rubber industry.

GREAT NAVAL BASE

Meanwhile, Singapore had been built up into a great naval base, dominating the approaches to the Far East. But in February 1942, Japanese forces swept through Malaya and occupied Singapore.

Liberated in 1945, Singapore was for a time under British military rule. In 1946, however, it was separated for administrative purposes from Penang and Malacca. Together with Christmas Island and the Cocos Islands, it became the Colony of Singapore. Australia became responsible for the Cocos Islands in 1955 and for Christmas Island last year. Meanwhile, some constitutional progress was made towards self-government.

In April 1955, about 300,000 people of Singapore were able to vote in elections under a new

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When the good ship Sea Venture was wrecked

On Plymouth's historic Barbican Quay there has long been a plaque commemorating the sailing of the Mayflower. Another was placed there in 1939 to mark the centenary of the departure of the Tory, the pioneer ship in the colonisation of New Zealand.

A third plaque will be unveiled there on June 2, as part of the celebrations to mark the colony's 350th anniversary.

SAILED FROM THIS SPOT

The inscription will record that "On the 2nd June, 1609, Sir George Somers sailed from this spot in command of an expedition to Jamestown, Virginia, with supplies. The fleet separated in a storm and his flagship, Sea Venture, was wrecked on the islands of Bermuda, which he subsequently colonised."

Bermuda comprises a small group of islands in the Western Atlantic, about 680 miles south-east of New York. They cover about 21 square miles and have a population of some 40,000. After the death of their coloniser in 1610 they were named the Somers Islands but later took their present name, in recognition of their original discoverer, the Spanish mariner Juan Bermudez.

Dog takes a taxi

Smokey the spaniel was out for a walk at Downham Market, Norfolk, when he saw the open door of a taxi. Deciding that he had walked quite far enough, Smokey jumped in. Driver George White knew where the dog lived and gave him a free ride back.

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constitution which, while giving local people a certain say in their affairs, gave the British Governor powers to refuse the proposals of their representatives if he thought them opposed to good order, good faith, or good government.

Mr. David Marshall, leader of the Labour Front, became Singapore's Chief Minister under this arrangement. He was succeeded in 1956 by Mr. Lim Yew Hock, a moderate leader, after Singapore and Britain had failed to reach agreement on further constitutional proposals. But agreement was reached in 1957 and ratified last year.

Britain will now keep control over the defence and foreign policies of Singapore while the new Singapore Government, controlling internal affairs, is legally bound to care for racial and religious minorities and to preserve the ancient Malay language.

The office of Governor will be abolished. A Malayan will be appointed as the Queen's representative with the title of Yang di-Pertuan Negara. A United Kingdom Commissioner will represent the British Government. But for a trial period over the next six months these two offices may be combined and held by one person, who need not be Malayan-born.

News from Everywhere

World Refugee Year, supported by some 30 countries, opens on June 1. The British Committee, of which the Queen is patron, hopes to raise £2,000,000. The Government has promised £100,000.

The Tasmanian Government has barred seal-hunters from lonely Macquarie Island, a nature reserve halfway between Tasmania and the Antarctic coast.

BLUEBIRD TO THE FORE

Mr. Donald Campbell is not content with his new world water speed record of 260.35 m.p.h. He hopes to do much better than this and to set up a new land speed record, too, in his car Bluebird.

While pastry-making at her home in Bognor Regis, Mrs. Pilley cracked an egg with five yolks.

Archaeologists have found a Saxon well in a field at Little Oakley, near Harwich.

SORRY—OUR MISTAKE

The caption to the picture Musical Entrance, on page 2 of CN for May 16 was incorrect. The notes are the opening bars of a well-known piece by Schubert.

THEY SAY . . .

I FIND in the generation between 15 and 25 more young men and women I can like and respect than I do among my contemporaries.

Sir John Wolfenden

CHILDREN enjoy being in school today.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, Minister of Education

YOU will never stop young people spending on music today. It is one of the most encouraging features that more and more young people want to take their entertainment into the home.

Lady Tweedsmuir, M.P., urging a reduced tax on records

Ready for rehearsal



Ninette Hatch of Eastcote, Middlesex, is only eight, but already she has won 30 medals and a trophy for her ballet dancing.

Russia's latest census shows the population as 208,826,000. Women outnumber men by 20 million.

£5000 has so far been contributed by people in Britain towards the rescue of wild animals from the rapidly rising Lake Kariba, Rhodesia.

The Friends of Friendless Churches are appealing for £10,000 to restore ancient St. John's Church at Duxford, Cambridgeshire, disused for 82 years.

HARMONIUM HOARD

Over 160 gold sovereigns and half sovereigns found on an ash-heap in a Deptford Green churchyard, London, have been declared treasure trove. They are believed to have been hidden in an old harmonium burnt as rubbish.

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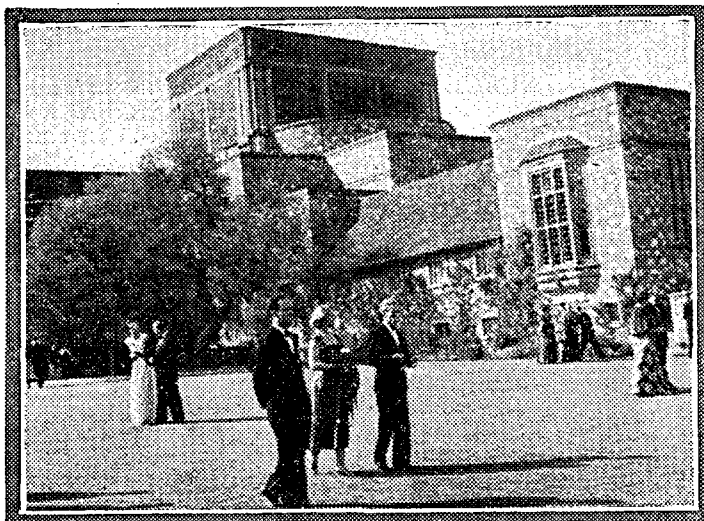
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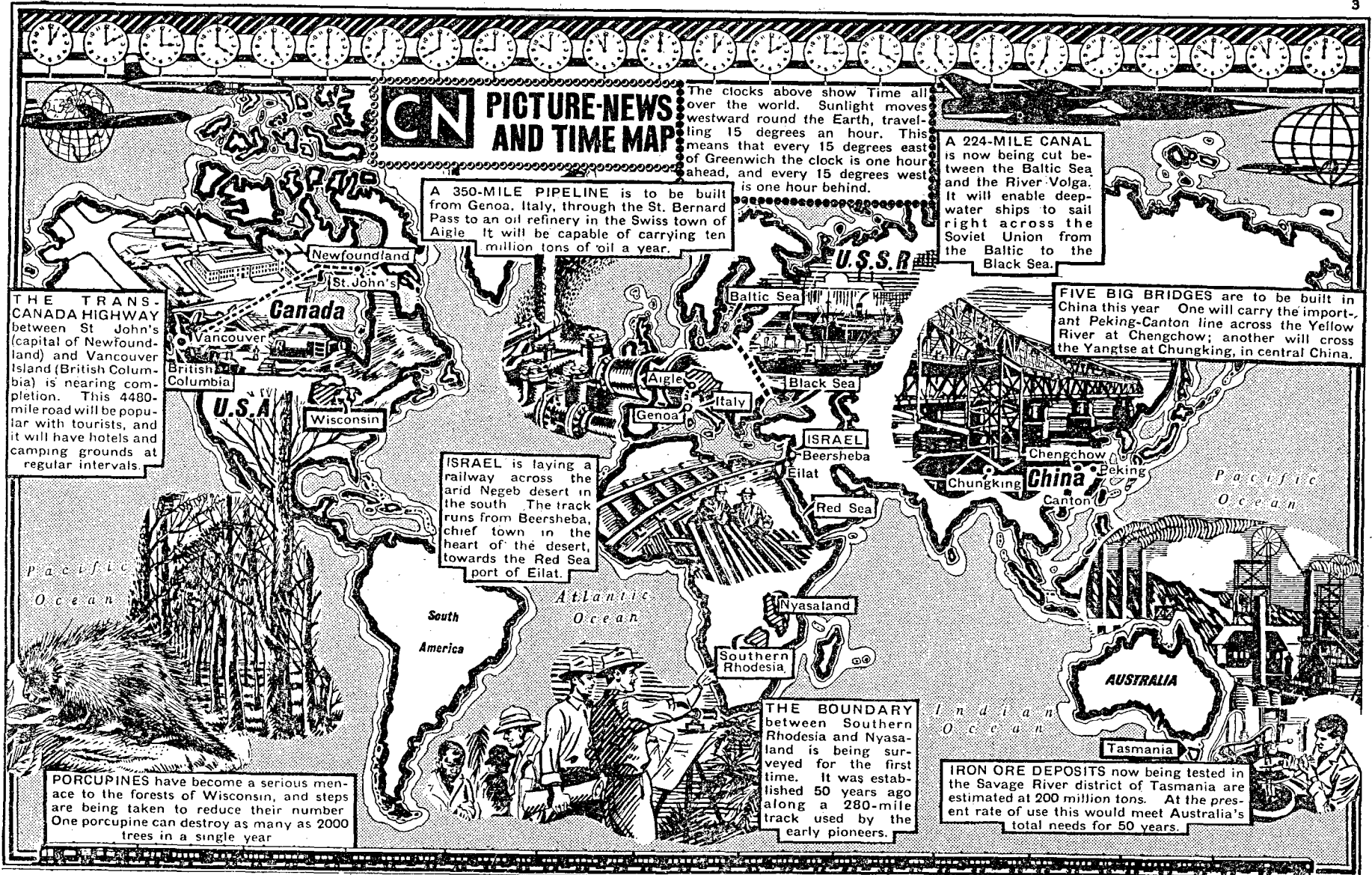
Opera at Glyndebourne, Sussex, celebrates its 25th anniversary this week

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LASTS THE LONGEST—TASTES THE BEST



Jumping into the jungle at Earls Court

A spectacular jungle jump by parachutists will be part of the R.A.F.'s display in the Royal Tournament at Earls Court from June 3 to 20. The arena will be made into a deep jungle, and parachutists will float down to it to give medical help to an injured man. Two of them will be caught up high in branches of a tree and will lower themselves with a special apparatus invented by an officer when he was serving in Malaya.

The training of parachutists will be another thrilling R.A.F. feature at Earls Court, finishing with descents from the roof.

Potter at the wheel



A young potter trims a vase she has turned on a foot-operated wheel at Rye, Sussex.

ROMAN TREASURE FROM A FIELD

A few weeks ago a hoard of Roman coins was unearthed by a ploughman near Ipswich. There were, in fact, more than 3000 coins, and British Museum experts have since established that they can be dated from A. D. 330 to 345.

All copper, and about the size of farthings, they were struck at places as far afield as Trier, Rome, Lyons, and the Balkans. One coin, minted in London, has the emperor's head with the figure of a sun-god on the other side. Others show Romulus and Remus, and a Roman standard guarded by soldiers.

Dr. J. P. C. Kent, of the British Museum, told a CN correspondent that it is unusual to find such a large hoard of coins that were minted over so short a period. He pointed out that they had evidently been deliberately buried for safe keeping.

Giant at the steelworks

The Margam works of the Steel Company of Wales have a huge new blast furnace. It is 248 feet high and cost £7,500,000.

To light the furnace, the Chairman of the Company had to set fire to 60 tons of timber, but not before he had tapped the structure gently and said, "Good Luck."

Already the new giant has begun to produce 10,000 tons of pig iron a week.

Asking questions about the Commonwealth

Some 10,000 young people, mostly Sixth Formers, will be busy this summer getting to know more about the Commonwealth. The campaign is being organised by the Commonwealth Institute. In July there will be a series of one-day conferences in several provincial cities and towns, and in London another is to be held at the Institute on July 15 and 16 at which the seniors will question speakers from Malaya, Ghana, and other Commonwealth nations.

Secondary modern boys and girls are also to play a part in the programme, holding at least four one-day meetings on Australia.

Prizes for paintings

Congratulations to these clever young artists who, in CN Competition No. 24, won prizes for colouring a vase of tulips.

Watches have been awarded to Patricia Mitchell, Holyhead; Patrick McCann, Broadstairs; Andy Patterson, Parkstone; Christine Rhodes, Wakefield; and Joseph Smith, London, S.E.17.

Book Tokens for Brenda Aldred, Manchester; John Barrett, Hoddesdon; Alison Dakin, Hornchurch; David Davies, Cardiff; Shirley Evans, Ecclestone; Jacqueline Ingram, Luton; Alan Jagger, Basildon; Bridget Jarvis, West Horsley; Anthea Moody, Leeds; and Anne Sparrowhawk, Cheam.

HOMEWORK FOR SAILORS

The habits of modern seamen would amaze old salts of sailing days. Instead of singing to an accordion in the fo'c'sle, they get down to their "homework" between watches. The report of the special Seafarers Education Service states that its pupils' studies include music, conchology, chinchilla breeding, Inca history, orchestral conducting, house-purchase, and pioneer flying.

Close close-up

A five-day-old foal wants to know if there is anything worth while in the photographer's little black box. The picture was taken at Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

Help for Eaper Weeper and John Peppercorn

A musical play of special appeal to boys and girls is being produced at London's Scala Theatre next week—on June 4, 5, and 6. Called *The Borderline*, it tells an entertaining story of some village children who solve the difficulties of Eaper Weeper, the old crossing-sweeper, and who also prevent John Peppercorn from being evicted.

Presented with the support of the Arts Council, the show is produced with a professional orchestra and cast. Among the singers will be 16 members of the Children's Opera Group.

Reduced rates for school parties are offered for Saturday's matinée.



ERNEST THOMSON WRITES ABOUT RADIO AND TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AND PROGRAMMES

NEW MENACE AT CHISELBURY

PROFESSOR JIMMY EDWARDS, as you must have noticed, is trying his cane on some new anatomies at Chiselbury School. But though we may miss Taplow and Lumley among the horrors of the Lower III in BBC Television's Whack-O! other faces have taken their place.



Robert O'Leary

As scriptwriters Muir and Norden say: "Boys grow up, but the tradition set by Taplow and Lumley has not been allowed to die. Keep your eye on Phipps, the new menace of the Lower Third."

This part is made-to-measure for 15-year-old Robert O'Leary, from the Italia Conti Stage School. His teachers will tell you that Robert lives up to the part in real life. "He is mad on football," one of them told me. "Several times last winter he played truant from school so as not to miss a match."

These escape tactics recently stood him in good stead while understudying Fleance in Macbeth at the Old Vic. One day the real Fleance fell ill, and Robert had his big moment on the stage as Banquo's son making his getaway to England.

The girls at the school are wondering whether Robert's beautiful eyelashes ("Every girl's dream," said his teacher) will survive six weeks of Chiselbury.

My Friend Flicka

FLICKA, the new wonder pony on ITV at 6.10 p.m. every Tuesday, is a horsey version of Rin-Tin-Tin, highly intelligent and trained to play the faithful friend of young Ken on the McLoughlin ranch.



Ken, played by Johnny Washbrook, lives on the ranch with his parents, Robert and Nell McLoughlin (Gene Evans and Anita Louise) but much of the time neither Robert nor Nell knows where the boy and pony have got to. As long as the pair are together, though, Ken is ready to meet any adventure.

The films are being made week by week in California. About ten have reached this country so far, but I hear that we shall be seeing Flicka for many months to come.

RACING THROUGH THE NIGHT

Thrilling times on the railways

I DOUBT whether Wagon Train or Wells Fargo are half as exciting as those great real-life railway races from London to Scotland in the 1890s.

We can hear all about them in BBC Children's TV next Tuesday, when O. S. Nock tells the story in Railway Roundabout.

It was East Coast v. West Coast, with express trains leaving King's Cross and Euston at the same time of night, heading north for Edinburgh. Railway fans in Edinburgh went wild with excitement trying to see which train came in first—East Coast at Waverley or West Coast at Princes Street.

Later the contest was extended to Aberdeen, but the race really ended some miles to the south at Kinnaber Junction, where the two routes joined.

Also in this edition of Railway Roundabout we can take a ride in the cab of a new diesel express locomotive from Birmingham to Cardiff.

The Lighthouse and the Kettle

DID you ever see an inn called The Lighthouse and the Kettle? Adrian Hill gave this as an example of the originality he was looking for in Inn Sign paintings for Picture Gallery in this Thursday's Sketch Club in BBC Children's TV.

When I talked to Producer Gordon Murray the other day, six sackfuls of paintings, all coloured, had already cascaded into his office at Lime Grove.

"It looks as if inn signs have taken people's fancy," said Gordon. "Unfortunately we can't give any titles in advance, in case there are better ones at the bottom of the sacks. We can't show them all on TV."

On June 4 the Sketch Club Exhibition will be televised from Belfast Museum and Art Gallery.

Cliff Michelmores rests—for a day

JOLLY Cliff Michelmores, who every day looks more and more like Mr. Pickwick, cannot tear himself away from TV.

Although Tonight, the programme in which he regularly appears, breaks up for a holiday on Friday, Cliff will be on the air again on Saturday night as guest of Harry Secombe in BBC television.

Harry Secombe has not forgotten his Goonish tricks, in spite of a six-week holiday in the West Indies with his wife Myra and their two children, Jennifer and Andrew. He said: "I asked the Minister of Works if I could hire the Albert Memorial, but he told me he did not want it any higher, thank you."

Cliff Michelmores' Tonight, by the way, will not be back until Monday, June 22. In the meantime the spot will be filled with Monday to Friday, a light-hearted musical programme.

Far to go

LATE the other night BBC Television showed Thursday's Children, a beautiful little film about the way deaf children aged four to seven are taught lip-reading at the Royal School for the Deaf, Margate.

This Wednesday, I am glad to say, it is being repeated in BBC Children's TV. The film, which won a Hollywood prize, takes its title from the old rhyme, Thursday's child has far to go.

News from A-R

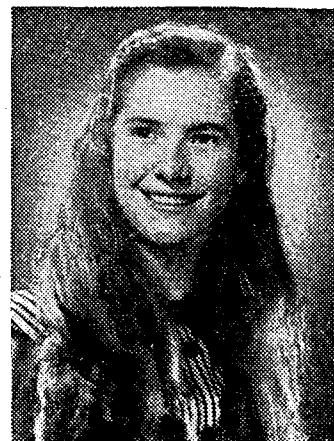
A MICKEY MOUSE CLUB is to be started soon in Associated-Rediffusion Children's TV on Fridays.

Mr. Happy will say his last good-byes in Small Time in the middle of June. But look out for Colonel Crook and his Crazy Car.

Steve Race and Redvers Kyle will stay on the air, although Associated-Rediffusion's Record Shop is to be replaced by Venture, the new series I told you about last week. Steve and "Red," joined by Peter Ling, will be the regular Venture compères.

Meet the Huggett children

Now when we Meet the Huggetts—Jack Warner and Kathleen Harrison—every Friday in the Light Programme, we also meet the new Bobby and Jane, about whom I told you last week.



Alanna Boyce

James Langley (twelve), who plays Bobby, is bent on making acting his career, but his studies at the Corona Stage School still give him time for his favourite hobby—building and flying model aircraft. His two younger brothers, Robert (ten) and John (eight), are fellow pupils at the school. Too young yet to appear on radio and TV, their out-of-school time is spent in writing plays and building a model theatre.

Alanna Boyce (18), the new Jane Huggett, is always on the move. She not only loves horse-riding but runs her own sports car.



James Langley



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This advertisement for Corn Flakes was thought up and painted by Colin Wood, aged 10, of Essex (photo inset). His idea is that, wherever you live, Kellogg's Corn Flakes are a breakfast treat. Think of what you like best about Corn Flakes—and win a prize in the "Make-us-an-ad" contest.



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London's new theatre opens this week

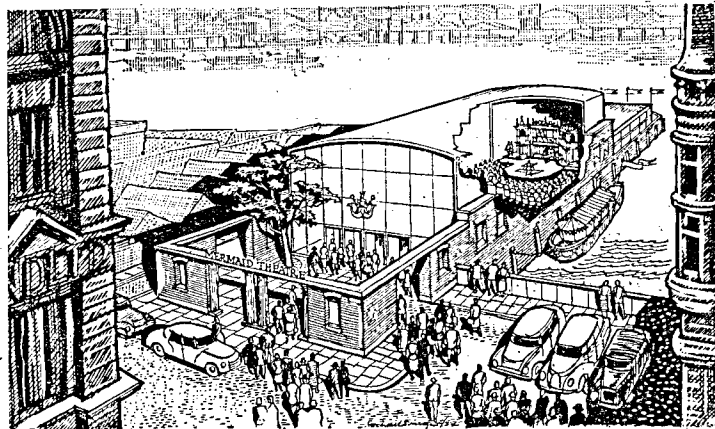


The Mermaid Theatre, two minutes' walk from Ludgate Circus and next door to Blackfriars Underground, stands beside a little creek of the Thames called Puddle Dock. In a now vanished

We the Lord Mayor and Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of London, at the contemplation of the letters of Bernard Miles and other poor players of London, and having regard to the fact that Her



So good luck to the Mermaid
in her City home.



Section drawing of The Mermaid showing forecourt and stage

BIRTHPLACE OF THE GALL WASP

The fruit of the oak is, of course, the acorn, and the curious pinkish spongy growths which we call oak apples are galls caused by an insect, the gall-wasp *Biorhiza pallida*. There are a great many other kinds of gall on various plants as well as oaks. These are caused by several kinds of insects, flies, aphides, beetles, moths, and fungi, as well as by mites (which are eight-legged, and so are arachnids, not insects).



The other most conspicuous galls of the oak—86 per cent of the world's gall-wasps produce their galls only on various kinds of oak—is the marble gall, which is like a green marble in summer and a brown one in winter. Each gall in this case contains only a single grub, of the wasp *Cynips kollari*. This is now common right up to the north of Scotland, but is apparently not a native insect. It is believed to have been introduced into Devonshire about 130 years ago, when some galls were imported for the tanning industry.

"Witches' brooms" are the curious twiggy growths on birches and other trees that are easy to mistake for birds' nests at a distance. They are made by mites, which are relatives of the spiders.

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THIS IS JUDO



Over he goes !

As I entered the door of the dojo, writes a CN sports correspondent, a body hurtled through the air and landed with a thud on the tatami. "Utsuri-goshi," murmured my companion, nonchalantly stepping past the prostrate figure.

Gulping, I followed him along the edge of the dojo and sat on a bench to watch a couple of dozen judoka in judogi engaged in randori.

I should hastily add that the scene was the Budokwai, a London Judo club, which is affiliated to the British Judo Association. Judo is a sport derived from the ancient Japanese form of fighting known as Ju-jitsu, and for this reason Japanese terms are still used in the majority of clubs.

The dojo is the training hall; tatami is the straw matting on which the sport takes place; Utsuri-goshi is a type of throw; judoka are exponents; judogi is the costume; and randori is general practice.

The sport of Judo (the way of gentleness) is making rapid head-

way in this country. Just after the war there were only ten clubs in the whole of Britain. Today there are 400 clubs belonging to the British Judo Association and 285 to the Amateur Judo Association. Between them they muster well over 23,000 members from the age of eight to nearly 80.

"But what has Judo got to offer youngsters that other sports lack?" I asked Geoffrey Gleeson, chief instructor at the Budokwai, national coach, and manager of the British team which has won the European championships for the past three years, the first country to win three times in succession.

ALL-ROUND DEVELOPER

"It helps in *all-round* development," he replied promptly. "It gives a young person confidence; it teaches balance and poise; it improves mental and physical reactions; and it has an ethical aspect, in as much as we insist on politeness and courtesy." (Before and after each contest or practice period the opponents bow low to each other, sometimes standing, sometimes kneeling.)

"But isn't it rather dangerous?" "Not a bit," retorted Mr. Gleeson. "Before a person is allowed to take part in any judo he must spend a considerable time learning break-falls, that is, how to land so that he does not hurt himself. Even experts still limber up by practising break-falls before they take part in a contest."

FROM KYU TO DAN

Everyone who goes in for this sport wears a coloured belt to indicate standard of performance. The beginner, a sixth Kyu, wears a white belt; a fifth Kyu a yellow belt; and so on up to first Kyu, who wears a brown belt. Promotion is gained by contest, knowledge of technique, and oral examination.

From first Kyu the student advances to first Dan, or teacher, and is qualified to wear the much-coveted black belt. The Dans are also graded from one to ten; and the difficulty of reaching the highest grade is shown by the fact

that even Japan, cradle of Judo, has only three tenth Dans. The highest non-Japanese, an Englishman, is a sixth Dan.

Mr. Gleeson himself spent three years in Japan to progress from third to fourth Dan, and I asked him how long he thought it would take him to become a fifth Dan.

He grimaced. "If I gave my whole time to it I could perhaps do it in ten years."

Up to about fifth Dan, he explained, the grade is awarded almost entirely on ability in actual contest. For instance, to qualify for a black belt (first Dan) the performer has to conquer four or five men, one after another, with no interval. And to progress from second to third Dan a candidate must beat thirteen others—five first Kyus, five first Dans, and three second Dans.

HIGHER AWARDS

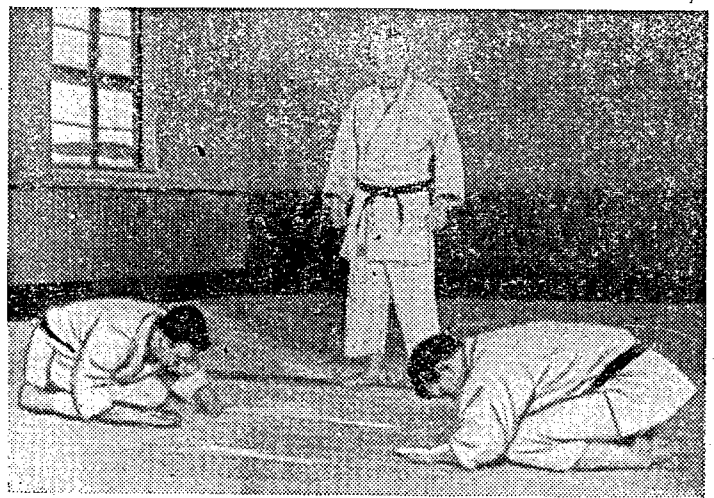
Beyond that stage, however, grades are awarded for such factors as teaching ability, original contributions to the sport, and philosophic and spiritual qualities.

Because of the limited number of higher ranking performers in Britain progress here is limited to third Dan.

But to the hundreds of young people taking up Judo in schools, Scout troops, youth clubs, and so on, that is no barrier. (In any case it takes at least three years to become a first Dan.)

It is not an expensive sport to start. A junior outfit of white canvas jacket and trousers—plus the important belt—costs about 30s. But it will last for some years. Proper mats are manufactured, of course, but many clubs make do with old mattresses covered with canvas lashed down at the edges. And in the summer Judo can be practised on soft grass.

The Amateur Judo Association, formed in 1955, is attempting to "anglicise" the sport. The instruction is exactly the same as in the British Judo Association's clubs, but the Japanese terms are rarely used and there is no bowing



Bowing to each other before the start of a contest

either before or after the contests. "I think anyone taking up Judo has enough to study without having to learn Japanese," said Pat Butler, secretary of the A.J.A.; whom I met when he was teaching an evening class in a school gymnasium at Croydon, Surrey.

In the centre of the gymnasium were several men and four girls. "Girls often do very well at Judo," explained Mr. Butler. "They seem to have a greater awareness of the value of balance—and breaking your opponent's balance is seventy per cent of a throw in Judo." Mr. Butler, who is a third Dan, explained his point by citing two people, one of ten units of strength and one of six units of strength.

THE "SECRET OF JUDO"

"If both push against each other, the stronger one will win. But if the person with six units of strength suddenly moves backwards, still keeping balanced, the pusher will be off balance and his strength units drop to, say, five units. The weaker person thus becomes the stronger. And there you have the 'secret of Judo!'"

It sounded easy. But a red-faced paratroop officer who had just come off the mat after his second lesson overheard those last words. "Hmm!" he grunted. "Give me paratrooping every time."

Yet from the grin on his face it was obvious that—like all the others in the class—he would be back again the following week.

Most of us have seen pictures of

youngsters throwing much heavier people about with apparent ease. As the girls were now resting after their practice period I thought I would risk a demonstration. I asked 17-year-old Pat Gross if she thought she could throw me on the mat.

She eyed my six foot and 13 stone dubiously. "I very much doubt it," she said with a shake of her head. "This is only my fourth lesson."

"But come back in two months' time," said Pat Butler, "and she'll be able to throw you all right."



Even an 11-year-old boy can tackle a 15-stone policeman



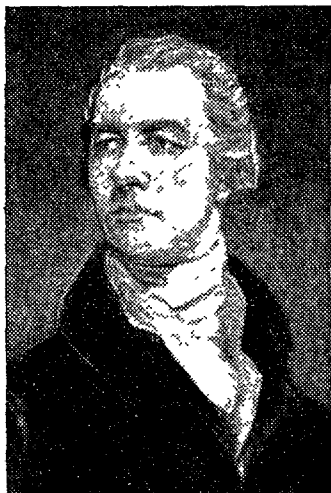
Instruction for a beginner at Southampton



All eyes on the teacher at a class for boys of 11 to 14 at the London Judo Society

PRIME MINISTER WHO WAS CHALLENGED TO A DUEL

Earlier this year, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced a reduction in Income Tax. It was good news, for it meant that Britain was becoming more prosperous. The man who introduced Income Tax to this country was born just 200 years ago—on May 28, 1759. His name was William Pitt, usually known as Pitt the Younger, to avoid confusion with his father, William Pitt, Earl of Chatham.



Pitt the Younger, by Sir Thomas Lawrence

WILLIAM PITT, the Younger, delicate but brilliant, was devotedly encouraged in his studies by his father, who thought of him as "the hope and comfort of my life." At the age of nine, the boy could write letters in Latin, and at 12 he wrote a tragic play. Yet in other ways he was just a normal lad.

For example, when he went to Cambridge—at the age of 14—he found it difficult to manage on the allowance his father gave him. He was to become one of the most outstanding Chancellors of the Exchequer Britain has ever had. Yet, as historians have remarked, he could never balance his own personal budget!

Like his father, himself a states-

man who left his mark on history, Pitt was soon fascinated by politics. He became a Member of Parliament in 1781, was made Chancellor of the Exchequer when only 23, and was Prime Minister before his 25th birthday. This astounding achievement alone singles him out from all other British Prime Ministers.

He dedicated himself to making Great Britain prosperous. In his own words, "That constitutes the honour, the happiness, the pride of my life, which I trust death alone can extinguish."

RESTORING BRITAIN'S FORTUNES

William Pitt restored his country's fortunes, which had been exhausted by the conflict with the United States, in the War of American Independence. Britain's financial position was so desperate, that floating Government Loans was not enough. Pitt had to raise money in every way he could think of. He put a tax on men's hats as well as their incomes. He put a tax on ribbons bought by women, on windows, and even on horses!

When Pitt first proposed Income Tax in 1798, it was so deeply resented that he had to be given a private bodyguard, to protect him from angry and jeering crowds. Nevertheless, it helped to save Britain from bankruptcy and shame.

William Pitt also won fame through his determination that Britain must maintain a powerful Navy—which subsequently made it possible for Nelson to win the

Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. He deserves remembrance also for his efforts to abolish the cruelties of the Slave Trade, whereby negroes were kidnapped in Africa, chained, and transported under horrible conditions to America. He called it "shocking to humanity."

His political opponents disliked him intensely. On one occasion he so angered one of them, that he was challenged to a duel. Fortunately, both men missed when they fired their pistols at each other.

HIS EXAMPLE

After his retirement, William Pitt said: "England has saved herself by her exertions, and will, I trust, save Europe by her example." Certainly he himself had helped to save England by his exertion and his example.

Towards the end of his life, he was described in a banquet held in his honour, as "The pilot that weathered the storm."

It was a fitting epitaph. He died in 1806, at the early age of 46, leaving his country eternally in his debt. R. H. H.

NO POSTAGE DUE

Schoolgirl Diana Wright of Whitby wrote a letter to her granny and then went out to post it. But the stamp machine in which she inserted her coins yielded only a 2d. stamp and two small slips of gummed orange paper.

Having stuck them all down, Diana wrote "4d." across each of the slips and on the back explained what had happened. "I put two halfpennies in the machine," she wrote, "and got two pieces of orange paper."

Granny got the letter on the following day, properly franked and without a surcharge. And now Diana wonders whether the envelope is a collector's piece.

LOOKING AT THE SKY

Approach of Venus and Mars

THE apparent approach of Venus to Mars is now an interesting feature in the western sky, and may be easily observed even in the prolonged twilight of these coming June evenings.

The radiant Venus is much in evidence and unmistakable, above and some way to the left of where the Sun has set.

Mars, however, will not be so obvious in the sunset afterglow. It is to the left of Venus and at a somewhat higher altitude, but it will not be perceptible for at least half-an-hour after sunset. The later both planets are looked for, the brighter they will appear.

The relative positions of the two planets will rapidly change from evening to evening as Venus appears to draw nearer to Mars, though both planets are travelling in the same direction. They appear to be travelling to the left relative to Castor and Pollux, which may be seen twinkling in the north-west.

The progress of Venus and Mars may be followed with the aid of the accompanying star-map, where their paths for the next fortnight are indicated by the arrows.

SO CLOSE, SO FAR

It will be seen that Venus is travelling much faster than Mars and overtaking it. So though Venus appears a long way to the right of Mars at the present time, by June 14 Venus will appear to have caught Mars and will pass above it at a distance apparently less than twice the width of the Moon away.

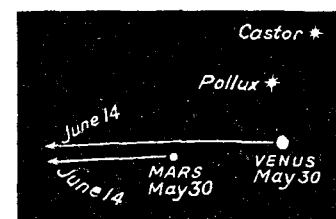
Actually a distance of many millions of miles separates these two worlds. At present Venus is about 83 million miles from us and rapidly coming nearer, whereas Mars is about 196 million miles away and receding.

So these two worlds which

appear so close in the sky, and appear to be coming closer, are actually becoming still farther apart.

Seen through an astronomical telescope at the present time, Venus appears like the Moon at first quarter, with only half of its disc illuminated by the Sun.

The surface of Venus is very much brighter than that of Mars. This is accounted for by the diameter of Venus being about



four times greater than that of Mars, and by its nearness.

Mars is becoming increasingly faint and, without telescopic aid, not much more will be seen of this planet until the end of next year, for it is travelling too far beyond and behind the Sun.

Venus, on the other hand is speeding toward us and eventually, on September 1, will pass almost between us and the Sun.

G. F. M.

They eat their skipping ropes

The Queensland Health Department has asked sweet manufacturers in that State to halve the length of licoice "ropes" sold to school children.

This action follows reports that children are actually skipping with the ropes before eating them!

"When licorice hits the footpath it could pick up all sorts of germs," says the Health officer. "Definitely unhygienic!"

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

A SHERLOCK HOLMES ADVENTURE

by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle



INSTALMENT 8. Mrs. Laura Lyons, a beautiful woman, lived alone at Coombe Tracey. She looked startled when Watson called and asked if she had ever written to the late Sir Charles Baskerville. "What right have you to question me?" she demanded angrily. He said she would be wise to answer truthfully.



She admitted writing to the dead baronet, and said he had helped her to start a type-writing business after hearing from Mr. Stapleton, the naturalist, of her difficult circumstances. Mr. Stapleton, too, she added, had been very kind to her.



When Watson asked her about the letter signed L.L., which had lured Sir Charles to his death, she turned pale. In a faint voice she said she had written the letter asking the old baronet to meet her. She had hoped to obtain more help from him.



"What happened when you met him?" asked Watson. "Something prevented my going—a private matter," she said. "So you made an appointment with Sir Charles at the very hour and place of his death, but did not keep it?" Quietly she replied, "That is the truth."

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Does this mysterious lady know something about the "Hound"? See next week's instalment

THE DAWN KILLER

By Monica Edwards

Adapted from the Children's Film Foundation production

An unknown killer-dog has been attacking sheep on Romney Marsh. Tom Hoddys' big cross-bred, Lion, is generally suspected, but the Hoddys are saying the Hawkes' collie, Glen, is the killer. As Mr. Hawkes will not agree to shutting Glen in the house, Colin and Anna Hawkes decide to shut him in a distant net-shed for a night, to prove that he isn't the killer; but they get shut in with him. At dawn they see and hear the killer threatening their father's sheep, and break the small window to let Glen out. They follow, and find him holding Lion off the sheep. Anna runs for help, and Eli the shepherd arrives just as Colin feels he can no longer prevent a ferocious fight.

10. Shock for the Hoddys

GLEN wore no collar. Colin's grip on his silky coat was slipping when Eli approached with the calm authority of an Old Testament prophet and spoke firmly to the dogs.

"Oh, Eli!" Colin's face, rather than his words, expressed the relief he was feeling.

"Leave him be, ole son." Eli

turned to the dogs again. "You should oughter be ashamed, the pair of ye, going on like brawling alley-dogs. Lie down this minute, then! And you too, Shep!"

Meekly, the still bristling dogs obeyed the old shepherd, but Lion flashed a look of venomous hatred at Glen as he lowered himself into the grass. Old Eli walked calmly up to him and laid his hands on the snarling jaw, forcing it open with as little concern as he might have displayed in opening a box of tools.

"See? Wool in 'em. Caught with the evidence on 'im, as they say. And if it hadn't been for our Glen there'd be more than wool in them teeth."

Colin stared in silence, realising all that this would mean, to Lion and to Tom Hoddys' ambitions for him. Then he knelt to stroke Glen.

"We got shut up in the net-shed with him."

"I know, I know, I seed it coming yest'day, when you spoke of it." The old man bent to look at Lion again. "See this scar on his shoulder, son? Your Glen done that, I lay, the last time they met."

There was a sound of running feet coming over the shingle as he spoke, and they both turned towards the sea-wall. Over the grassy top of it four people came hurrying, plainly seen now that the rising sun was soaking up the mist. The smallest of them was Anna and the others were long-shore fishermen. Anna's voice came shouting over the field to them.

"They're our witnesses! Is Lion still there?"

Sympathy for Lion

The grave procession walked homewards through the flat green fields that had once been the bed of the sea.

"We've made an awful lot of trouble," Colin was saying apologetically to Eli, "but it was for Glen's sake."

The old shepherd said nothing, staring gravely at the grass as he walked, but a kind of sympathy spread from him that both the young Hawkes felt. After a minute Anna turned a troubled face to him.

"Eli, will Lion be shot now?"

"Killers is always shot, gal.



Colin bent down and gently opened Lion's jaws

Thass the unforgiveable sin, is sheep-killing, especially in a sheep-dog."

Colin knew how Anna felt about Lion and tried to find some reassurance for her.

"Perhaps Dad might have some kind of idea. He's wonderful about ideas, especially when you're in a real mess."

Anna was still very worried.

"Mr. Hoddys will feel awful about the Southern Counties. I think he wanted Lion to win that cup more than anything else at all."

"S'allus the best dog wins, gal," Eli told her. "You pack up

worriting, ole young 'un, until you've talked to your Dad, same as Colin says."

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There were eight people sitting round the big table for breakfast, including the three fishermen. The explaining that had to be done was rather extensive, but was shared by everyone who had any part in the adventure.

"Oh, you awful, awful children!" Cathy said. "You didn't think for a moment of all the anxiety you'd be causing. At the very least you might have left a note."

Colin was ashamed.

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THE WORLD OF STAMPS

Mysterious Lady in White

THE first stamps of the British Virgin Islands, the colony in the West Indies, were issued in 1866 and portrayed a lady in a white robe carrying a lamp in her hand, with eleven other lamps arranged around her.

For many years collectors argued over the lady's identity.

Some said that the design was meant to represent the parable of the five wise and the five foolish virgins, whose wisdom and folly are recounted in St. Matthew's Gospel. Others said that the stamps portrayed the Virgin Mary and that the lamps were supposed to be stars.

When new stamps appeared in 1899 there were no lamps in the design and the lady was holding a sheaf of lilies. Her shining halo and gentle face certainly seemed to belong to the Madonna.

There were other collectors who thought that the mysterious lady was intended to be Virgo, the Virgin, the sixth sign of the

of the Colony. This showed, once again, the lady in white and the lamps. But still there was no mention of her name!

The current 5-cent stamp, however, settles the 90-year-old argument once and for all. Christopher Columbus discovered the Virgin Islands on St. Ursula's Day, October 21, 1493, and named them in honour of the saint and her eleven companions, who were early Christian martyrs. The lady in white, as the stamp plainly informs us, is St. Ursula.

Other stamps in this fine series show views in the islands. On the



1-cent value is a map of Tortola, the largest of the group, and as a reminder that the West Indies were once the haunt of pirates the artist has cleverly drawn the border like that of an old mariners' chart.

A FEW weeks ago I mentioned the term "tête-bêche," used by philatelists to describe two adjoining stamps, one of which is upside down in relation to the other. Another French phrase, "se tenant," describes two stamps

which are joined together but have either small differences in their design or even completely different designs.

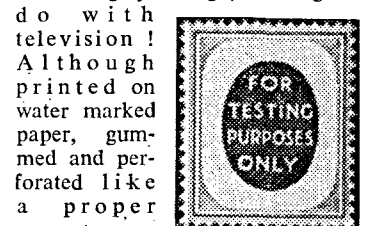
Sometimes this is the result of an error by the printer and, in the case of certain older issues, may be very rare; but several



countries have issued se tenant stamps in recent years simply to please collectors

The latest example comes from Japan, where two se tenant sports designs show a weight-lifter and a girl playing badminton. The stamps were issued to celebrate a national athletics meeting.

THE last illustration this week is, strangely enough, nothing to do with television!



Although printed on water marked paper, gummed and perforated like a proper postage stamp, it is only a label used in testing automatic stamp-selling machines before they are installed at post offices.

C. W. HILL

THE DAWN KILLER

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Their father listened in silence, reserving his judgment. When the story was all told, and the breakfast all eaten, he glanced at the grandfather clock and said: "Everyone ready for a walk across the fields to Hoddys?" Then turning to the fishermen; "I'm counting on you three. It does seem a bit steep taking so much of your morning, but you're very vital witnesses."

The one called Bert grinned cheerfully.

"Once the tide's lost it don't make no matter what happens to the morning. And I reckon we can spare one tide, eh, mates?"

Hostile Hoddys

What the Hoddys thought when they saw the long deputation walking through the fields towards their farmhouse, with their own sheepdog on a clip-chain at Mr. Hawkes' side, no one but themselves would ever know. As he came to the front gate, the only emotions that Tom showed were the typical Hoddy ones of extreme hostility and suspicion.

"What you doing with our Lion?" He reached a hand for the clip-chain but Mr. Hawkes made no move to give it up.

"Now what?" said Tom belligerently. "Your Glen been fighting our Lion again? You'll have to do something about that no-good dog of yours, Hawkes.

People don't stand for rogue sheepdogs on the Marsh."

Jack Hawkes stood erect, waiting until Hoddys had finished speaking. Then he said; "I'm very sorry to have to tell you, Tom, that your dog was found attacking our sheep early this morning. There was no doubt whatever about it."

"That's all very well you saying it were Lion again!" Mr. Hoddys squared himself, blustering loudly. "You got your knife in him, that's what, because you know he'll take the Cup from you this year. You want him out of the way!"

Tell-tale wool

It was Colin who gave the answer to Hoddys' accusation. He was bending over Lion, gently opening the dog's jaws.

All the Hoddys looked, and they all saw the white wool caught in Lion's teeth. Tom began to bluster again. Fred and his mother, standing at the door, averted their glance as if disowning the truth of what they saw; but Joe gazed, horrified. That it should be Lion—almost the one creature who had ever met Joe's affection with any answering affection—was a hard thing to accept.

"An' that ain't all our proof." Eli turned with dignity to the three fishermen. "Every one of these here gentlemen has seen what I seen this morning. Tom

Hoddy. And that were him"—nodding to Glen—"a-holding off your Lion from doing another murder in the flock."

Slowly, Tom began to crumble under the weight of overwhelming evidence.

"He's a good dog, my Lion. He never really had much chance. He come from the gippos, ye know—"

Rosie Hoddys inflated her bosom with a furious gust of breath and flared out; "Gippos? You say that word again and I'll fetch you such a clout, Tom Hoddys! My family's Romany, and proud of it!"

Flinching from her a little, Tom went on: "They was going through lean times when he were a pup, see, and he went short of food. Caught a chicken or two—you know how it starts." A faint whining note slid into his voice.

Blow of defeat

Looking smaller, as if the blow of defeat had shrunk him, Tom Hoddys continued: "But he's a good sheepdog—you know that, sir! I'd set me heart on trying him in the Southern Counties this year."

The fishermen were tentatively edging themselves away, now that they had fulfilled their mission. Colin looked wistfully after them, but Anna was gazing at her father, listening for what she knew he must be about to say.

To be continued

Soccer against America...

ENGLAND'S soccer team will play the last match of their American tour on Thursday when they meet U.S.A. on the famous Wrigley Field, a baseball stadium at Los Angeles.

Soccer is still one of the least popular sports in America, but the game is rapidly gaining favour, especially in Los Angeles, where there is a well-organised Sunday League, comprising teams each representing one of the many nationalities in the district—

Germans, Italians, Scots, Danes, and Irish-English. It is from these teams that the side to meet England will be chosen.

America has twice met England—in the 1950 World Cup, when the Americans created a sensation by winning 1-0; and in 1953, when England won 6-3.

... and cricket, too

WILL the day ever come when England and America will meet on the cricket Test field? It could happen.

Last summer, a team representing the Lord's Taverners played a team of Americans, at Woolwich—and were beaten. This has prompted Mr. John Hay Whitney, the American Ambassador in this country, to present a handsome cup for annual competition between England and America.

This new cricket trophy, in which Boston tea-leaves have been placed, now stands at Lord's beside the more famous Ashes urn. It will remain there until the next match in the series, which is to be played at Bushey Park on August 22. Afterwards the Lord's Taverners team may fly to America for a short tour.

Cricket matches between English and American amateur players were held frequently from 1889 until 1903.

His 150th plane



Melvin Rice (16) of Pinner, Middlesex, proudly shows the 150th model plane he has made in seven years.

Do you know



WHO INVENTED THE PNEUMATIC TYRE?

In 1888, the pattern of road travel—which until then had been a slow and bumpy business—changed almost overnight. For this was the year in which John Boyd Dunlop invented the first practicable pneumatic tyre.

His early experiments were carried out with canvas and with sheet rubber supplied by a Belfast chemist, fitted to a crude wooden disc. By 1889, enough progress had been made to fit the new tyres to a racing bicycle. Ridden by William Hume at a sports meeting at Queen's College, Belfast, it won every event for which it was entered.

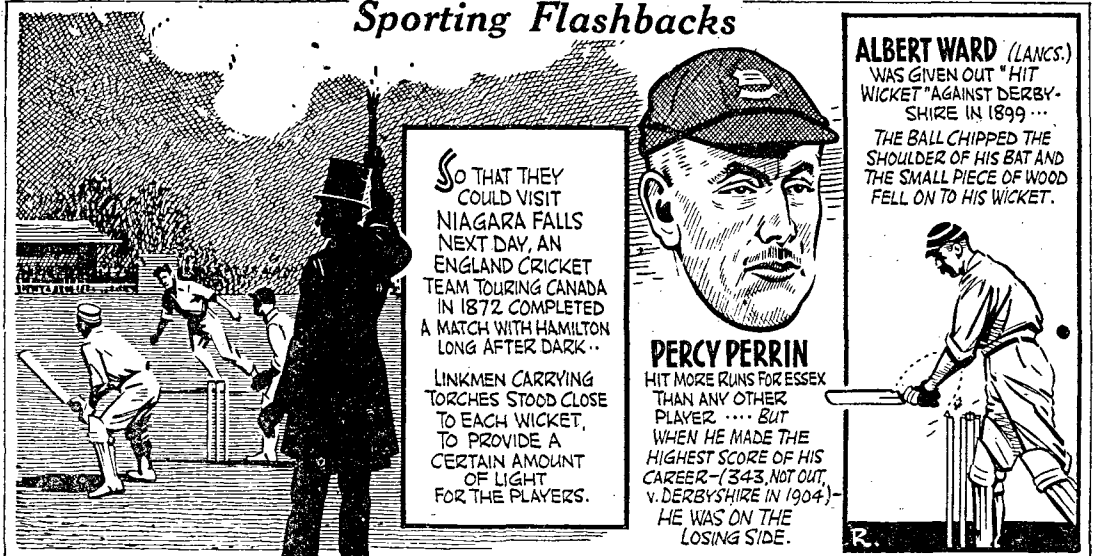
The successful use of these tyres on bicycles then caught the attention of the owners of the "horseless carriages" of the nineties. With the repeal of the "Red Flag" Act in 1896, which had limited speeds to 4 m.p.h., a new impetus was given to the development of the motor car. Everything began to go faster, in much greater comfort. The demand for Dunlop tyres grew and grew.

Think of tyres and you think of

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Sporting Flashbacks



SO THAT THEY COULD VISIT NIAGARA FALLS NEXT DAY, AN ENGLAND CRICKET TEAM TOURING CANADA IN 1872 COMPLETED A MATCH WITH HAMILTON LONG AFTER DARK... LINKMEN CARRYING TORCHES STOOD CLOSE TO EACH WICKET, TO PROVIDE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF LIGHT FOR THE PLAYERS.

PERCY PERRIN
HIT MORE RUNS FOR ESSEX THAN ANY OTHER PLAYER... BUT WHEN HE MADE THE HIGHEST SCORE OF HIS CAREER—(343, NOT OUT, v. DERBYSHIRE IN 1904)—HE WAS ON THE LOSING SIDE.

ALBERT WARD (LANCS.)
WAS GIVEN OUT "HIT WICKET" AGAINST DERBYSHIRE IN 1899... THE BALL CHIPPED THE SHOULDER OF HIS BAT AND THE SMALL PIECE OF WOOD FELL ON TO HIS WICKET.

Flying fencer

"BE a fencer and see the world—in quick time." That might well be the motto of Bill Hoskyns, the world champion who flies his own aircraft to the various championships.

In a ten-day spell recently he was scheduled to fly over 3000 miles, and take part in four championships.

After competing in an event in France he flew to London for the British Epée championship; two days later he set off for Rome to represent Britain in the international championship; and three days afterwards he was due at Lugano for an international match.

Albert Pelling and Son

TWO other competitors in the British Epée Championships were Albert Pelling and his son John. Albert has competed in four Olympic Games—and is still good enough to stand a chance of being selected for a fifth. His dearest wish is that his son will be in the British team for the Rome Olympics next summer, and thus continue a wonderful record.

John certainly seems to have a hope of being there; he was runner-up in the national championships.

Pipe of Peace

SOME time ago we mentioned that Abyssinian spectators at soccer matches in Addis Ababa paid a deposit before the match which they got back only if there had been no disturbances during the game. Now we hear that the same practice is carried out in the United States on the Indian Reserve at Cedric Falls.

After each game the opposing teams smoke a pipe of peace.

Tough game

NO one has ever disputed the fact that few games are tougher than ice hockey. Certainly the American player Eddie Shore would not argue about it.

During his 14 years of play he has broken his nose 14 times, and his jaw five times. He has received 978 gashes—and had all his teeth knocked out.

No throwing for Tony Lock

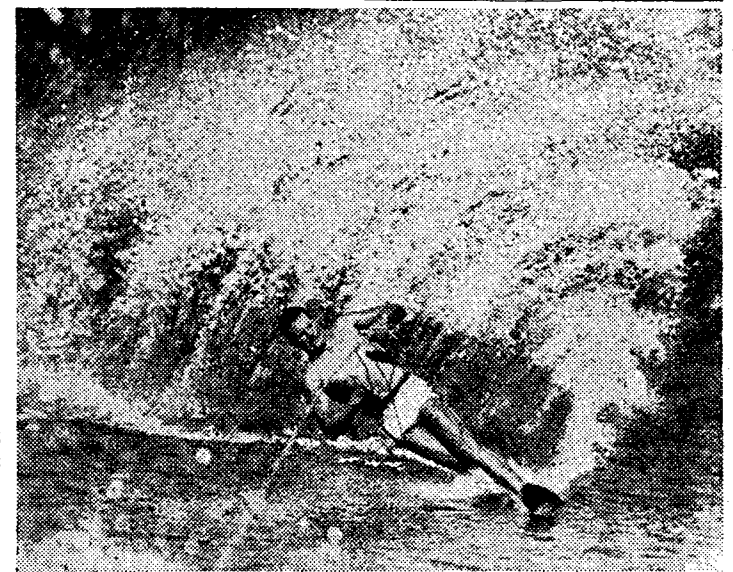
CRICKET umpires will be very much on the alert this summer to watch for any suspicion of "throwing" by bowlers. A great deal of controversy was aroused in Australia during the winter because of the number of bowlers who, in the opinion of many experts, did not deliver the ball in accordance with Law 26, which states that a fair delivery must not be thrown or jerked.

One man who is determined that his action will cause no doubt is Tony Lock, the Surrey and England left-arm spinner. Previously, when bowling his faster ball, Tony had a bent arm at the moment of delivery. Now, as the result of a lot of hard work, he has completely changed his action.

Tony was most surprised when, on seeing films taken in Australia, he realised that his arm was often quite bent as he delivered the ball. Since his return he has been striving to perfect an action with a perfectly straight arm. Now the big question is: will the new action be as effective as the old? Let us hope so.

Splash turn

A water-ski expert in Florida makes a turn at high speed and raises a big splash.



Quick runs

WITHIN a few days of the announcement of a £500 award for the fastest 200 runs in the first innings of a county cricket match, Hampshire set a target which will take a lot of beating.

Their opening batsmen, Roy Marshall and Jimmy Gray, scored 200 runs in 180 minutes. At one stage they had scored 177 runs in 140 minutes and looked set to score the necessary runs in almost record time. But when they resumed batting next morning they took 40 minutes to knock off the 23 runs required.

SPORTS QUIZ

- When did Britain last win the Davis Cup?
- What is the Lance Todd Trophy?
- In which two sports has John Young represented England?
- Which famous cyclist is called the Angel of the Mountains?
- How does a rugby touch judge signal (a) a goal; (b) no goal?
- Arthur Fagg, former Kent batsman, holds a unique record. Can you say what it is?

1. In 1936. 2. Trophy awarded to the outstanding player in the Rugby League Cup Final. 3. Athletics and rugby. 4. Charlie Gaul of Luxembourg. 5. (a) by waving his flag over his head; (b) by waving his flag below his waist. 6. Two double-centuries in one match.